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in shape they are robust, well-formed, with

42 small hands and feet, in color decidedly light, and some even fair, their complexion being of a yellowish cast. They make canoes and woven baskets, after the manner of the aborigines, are skilled fishers and sometimes hunters, and are altogether trusty and superior in many respects to the blacks.

291 Several writers have described the Caribs during various periods in their history since coming into notice, but I will select from them one who wrote about two hundred years ago, whose pages bear every evidence of honesty and authenticity. At that time the English were mainly in possession of the islands. He says: "They go stark naked, both men and women; though the Christians have conversed very much amongst them, yet have all their persuasions to induce them to cover themselves been to no purpose. . . .

302 They change their natural color by dyeing their bodies with roucou, which makes them red all over. . . . They also

301 adorn the crown of the head with a little hat made of bird's feathers of different colors. . . . They bore their ears,

304 nose, lips, for the insertion of ornaments. . . . About

301 their necks they wear necklaces made of the bones of their enemies, teeth of agoutis, etc. . . . On great occasions, they wear scarfs and girdles of feathers. . . . Their most

valued ornaments were gorgets of copper, obtained from the Arrowaks by plunder, crescent-shaped and shining, and

[42] these are, most frequently, the only possessions they leave their children at death. . . . They wear cotton cloth and

291 can dye it in various colors, chiefly red; they had hammocks when found by Columbus. . . . They made fine

323 pottery, which they baked in kilns, and also wove fine [41] baskets. . . . They cultivated their land in common. . . .

● 766 They buried the corpse of a chief, or head of a family, in the centre of his own dwelling. . . . Their heaven seems

775 to have been a sort of Mohammedan paradise of houris and harems for the brave. . . . They raised rustic altars,

600 placing upon them fruits and flowers. . . . The Caribs have